From: Kubo, Teresa To: Henning, Alan

Sent: 3/6/2015 2:03:24 PM

Subject: RE: Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan: points of contact

Hi Alan -

I think it's appropriate to have you serve as the POC – thanks for your willingness to take on yet another role! If you would keep me in the loop on this though that would be great. Lots of overlap with forest planning issues. Thanks Alan!

Take care,

Teresa

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From: Henning, Alan

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 10:54 AM

To: Kubo, Teresa

Subject: FW: Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan: points of contact

Teresa,

I am working with Rob on CZARA stuff and would be willing to be the contact on the CC recovery plan but I am not sure how this overlaps with NEPA. Would the NEPA house be the more appropriate connection?

By the way, it looks like a follow-up meeting with ODF on the CZARA issues may have been nixed by ODF. I am waiting for a call from ODF staff on this but the last message I received was that ODF management believed the Governor's Office was going to handle this. I will let you know if I hear more.

From: Rob Walton - NOAA Federal [mailto:rob.walton@noaa.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 10:40 AM

To: Christine L-FS Hirsch; Madeleine VanderHeyden; Preston, Leo - NRCS, McMinnville, OR; Medina, Heather -

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Subject: Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan: points of contact

I'm compiling a list of points of contact for Federal agencies who might have an interest in the NMFS recovery plan for Oregon Coast Coho. Would you please let me know if you or someone else would be a good POC for me with your agency? You can forward this email if you'd like.

Thanks very much.

To: BIA, BLM, EPA, NOAA NOS, NRCS, USACE, USGS, USFWS,

From: Rob Walton, ESA Recovery Coordinator for Oregon Coast Coho

RE: Federal Recovery Plan for Oregon Coast Coho Salmon: Update and Schedule

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In 2013, NOAA Fisheries announced its intent to prepare a proposed recovery plan for Oregon Coast coho salmon (OC coho) and requested information from the public.[1] We received comments from four organizations in response to that request, are considering them, and have continued to work on the plan.

We now expect to publish a <u>proposed</u> recovery plan for OC coho no later than December, 2015, and will request comments on that proposed plan prior to publishing a final plan. We are available to meet with Federal agency representatives to provide an update on this effort, to discuss the development of this recovery plan, and seek agency input. We would like to begin discussions with Federal agency staff as soon as schedules permit.

What will be in the plan:

The Endangered Species Act specifies that recovery plans must include: (1) A description of management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in the species being removed from the list (delisting criteria); and (3) estimates of the time and costs required to achieve the plan's goal and the intermediate steps towards that goal.

We are drafting the main portion of the proposed plan to include the elements required by the ESA. It will include sections on OC coho biology and the status of habitat, harvest, disease and predation, regulatory mechanisms, hatcheries, and climate change. The plan will focus on the protection and restoration of ecosystem and watershed processes that affect OC coho habitat and we are developing a description of the 'core elements' of habitat protection and restoration that will be common to most populations. We intend to attach a separate document that will include a chapter for each of the twenty one 'independent' populations within the OC coho domain. The final recovery plan will include a strategic action plan (SAP) for each independent population.

We are working closely with ODFW and our recovery plan will complement the State of Oregon's Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan, and have joined other partners as members of the OCCCP Implementation Team.

Developing population-level strategic action plans:

For the <u>proposed</u> recovery plan that we publish later this year, we will include a population profile template and describe the process we are using to develop population-level strategic action plans (SAPs) for each of the 21 independent populations.

In order to expedite and enhance the development of SAPs that can be used in both the OCCCP and NOAA Fisheries plan, we are partnering with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center, and the Wild Salmon Center, on a project to develop SAPs for coho populations. We are using the NFWF 'business plan' approach in this project to help provide implementation details that we can use in our plans. This project will develop a format for, and contents of, SAPs for OC coho and so we expect to have completed population-level plans sometime in 2016.

The business plan project is starting with three populations – the Nehalem, Siuslaw, and Elk (which is in the Southern Oregon, Northern California domain). These will serve as pilot projects where replicable tools will be developed over the next 18 months to provide 'replicable' methods, tools, and approaches for use in developing SAPs in other populations. As resources permit, we will work with our partners to provide technical and financial support to help develop other population-level SAPs.

Approximate timelines for the coordinated efforts:

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Process/ Activity	Time Frame	Comments
ODFW OCCC Plan	2007 – present (ongoing	The business plan, FIPs, and recovery
	implementation)	plan will be coordinated with and
		complement the OCCCP
OWEB/NFWF and	Selection of the first three	As resources are available, business plans
partners business	populations - Jan 2015; Strategic	will be replicated in other populations
plan	Action Plans completed in early	
	2016	
NOAA Fisheries OC	Drafting continues; proposed	NOAA Fisheries will incorporate relevant
coho recovery plan	plan to be released in late 2015	aspects of these related processes in its
		proposed recovery plan.

If your agency is interested in discussing the development of the Oregon Coast Coho Recovery Plan, please provide me with one or more points of contact for this recovery planning effort, and contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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[1] We published this announcement in the Federal Register on June 25, 2013 (78FR 38011)

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